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SUBJECT: MICHELSON CASE

REF: STATE 244061

1. ANATOL MICHELSON INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT AFTER MANY YEARS OF FRUSTRATING STRUGGLE TO REUNITE HIS FAMILY, HE FELT ONLY COURSE LEFT OPEN WAS TO SEEK SUPPORT OF AMERICAN PUBLIC VIA NEWS MEDIA (REFTEL). AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE SAYS HE GOT TENTATIVE AGREEMENT FROM CBS, NBC, AND ABC TO INTERVIEW WIFE AND DAUGHTER IN MOSCOW. MICHELSON'S SECRETARY (HE IS IN HOSPITAL) TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT JANUARY 30 TO SAY THAT ALL THREE NETWORKS HAD TOLD MICHELSON THAT EMBASSY ADVISED THEM AGAINST INTERVIEWING WIFE AND DAUGHTER. THROUGH HIS SECRETARY, MICHELSON ASKED WHETHER THIS WAS TRUE AND IF SO FOR EXPLANATION.

2. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN MICHELSON CASE REMAINS ACTIVE. SIX SENATORS HAVE RECENTLY MADE INQUIRIES ON HIS BEHALF.

3. INFORMATION ON ANY EMBASSY DISCUSSION OF CASE WITH NEWS MEDIA WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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